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REMARKS

The title of the Application has been amended. This amendment adds no new material to the disclosure. The Applicants note that the title has been amended in order to more accurately describe the allowed claims. Support for the amendment can be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed, for example, at Claim 1 and paragraph 0002.

Paragraph 0025 has been amended so that H_2N_2 now reads H_4N_2 . This was a simple typographical error. Support for this amendment can be found in paragraph 0025, which states that the formula is supposed to describe hydrazine, which is H_4N_2 .

Claim 7 has been amended to depend from Claim 6 rather than Claim 5. The original dependency was a typographical error. The term "pre-coating" has also been added to Claim 7. This amendment is to make the terminology between Claims 6 and 7 consistent. These amendments add no new matter. Accordingly, as these amendments merely correct an obvious typographical error, Applicants respectfully request their entry.

Additionally, the Applicants note that during a phone conference with the Examiner, the Examiner verified that he indeed considered the references in the 1449 form sent with the Notice of Allowability. In particular, the Examiner had considered those patents and patent publications which were not initialed on pages 2 and 3 (references 28-53). The Examiner agreed to submit a statement to this effect via a communication.

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Finally, the Applicants note that Claim 1 is directed to a process involving a precoating step and a step in which the pre-coated reaction chamber is used to deposit a silicon nitride. With regard to the Examiner's comments regarding the reasons for allowance of the present claims, the Applicants note that the claimed subject matter is defined by the claim language itself. The Applicants view the comments provided in the Reasons for Allowance as addressing particular motivations or possible advantages of the claimed inventions, and as such, not limiting upon the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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